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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0040]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comments on a request for special permit received from Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC (GSPC). The special permit request is seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Web Site:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

Note: There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

Confidential Business Information: Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential”; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting

is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice.

Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA-PHP-80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or by e-mail at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PHMSA received a special permit request from GSPC on March 16, 2020. The request is for GSPC's Index 818-9 Pipeline which is currently in carbon dioxide (CO₂) service under 49 CFR Part 195 regulations. GSPC proposes to convert the line to natural gas service. Pipeline operators converting pipelines to natural gas service must follow 49 CFR 192.14: Conversion to service subject to this part.

GSPC is seeking a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR 192.14(a)(4), which requires a pressure test to substantiate the maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline (MAOP) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 192, subpart J. In lieu of a pressure test, GSPC seeks a special permit to perform alternative risk control activities, based on 49 CFR Part 192, subpart O, integrity management program principles, requirements, and assessments, as specified in the proposed special permit conditions. The 16-inch diameter Index 818-9 Pipeline has a maximum

operating pressure of 2,875 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) while in CO₂ service as a 49 CFR Part 195 regulated pipeline. GSPC proposes to lower the Index 818-9 Pipeline MAOP to 1,480 psig for operation as a 49 CFR Part 192 regulated natural gas transmission pipeline.

The 16-inch diameter Index 818-9 Pipeline is 61-miles in length and begins at a point southeast of Heidelberg, Mississippi, and runs northeast to the Kemper County Power Plant in Kemper County, Mississippi. The Index 818-9 Pipeline is located in Jasper, Clarke, Lauderdale, and Kemper Counties in Mississippi.

The special permit request for the Index 818-9 Pipeline is available for review and public comment in the Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0040. We invite interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit request in the docket. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is granted. Comments may include relevant data.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated, if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment it receives in making a decision to grant or deny this special permit request.

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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